

Growth of the Sexes.

The Anthropometric Committee of the British Association has been at work upon an analysis of the growth of the sexes. Their report contradicts a popular theory. Thus it is shown that the period of most rapid growth is from birth to five years of age. From that time both sexes grow alike, save that the girls are a little shorter and lighter. From 5 to 10 years the males grow the more rapidly, but from 10 to 15 the conditions are reversed, and between 11½ and 14½ the girls grow taller, while from 12½ to 15½ they are heavier than the boys. But from 15 to 20 the males take the lead in growth at first rapidly, then more slowly, and complete their growth at about 23, while girls grow more slowly after 15, and attain full stature at about 20. The report shows that in both sexes there is some growth after attaining full maturity, but with women this ceases at from 23 to 30, except in rare cases, while in men increase of stature occurs all the way to 50 years, and of weight up to 60. But this does not contradict the statement that full-matured growth is complete at about 23. These facts are at variance with popularly-accepted notions in several respects, especially that regarding increase of stature up to the age of 50 years.

A Gigantic Work.

Passing through a certain garden last week the writer's attention was called to a narrow cleared track extending across the path. The track was fully half an inch wide and a little more than ten feet long, and had been made by ants since the last shower of rain, that is, in three days.

These workmen who had cleared their track of every pebble, grain of sand and particle of dust, removing a thin layer of those things at least one-eighth of an inch in depth, had accomplished a piece of work that may well be called gigantic—for them. By actual measurement the ants will not average more than one-sixteenth of an inch in length, and about two millimetres in thickness. In proportion to their size as compared to that of the average man, their work may be compared to the building by men of a smooth road forty-eight feet wide and ten thousand and two hundred and forty feet long, that is, a little short of two miles; entailing the removal, in seventy-two consecutive hours, of 4,815,200 cubic feet of material, for the most part loose rock. How many men would it take.

Why She Spreads Herself.

There is a stubby girl from Philadelphia, who rolls somewhat nautically in her gait at 18 in consequence of plumpness, and will inevitably waddle at 40. She has this season taken to walking the hotel veranda with strides that immensely aggravate her shortness and thickness of physique.

"What makes you take such long steps?" she was asked.

"I do it quite unconsciously," she replied, lying with feminine neatness and despatch, "I've been a month at West Point, you know, and the military step has been lengthened to thirty inches. I got used to it, don't you see, and keep it up without thinking." Then she strode away, serenely conscious that the only inference to be drawn was that she had done a vast amount of walking arm-in-arm with a cadet.—*Boston Herald.*

Another Fish Story.

The Carson, Nevada, *Daily Appeal* says: It is asserted on the authority of persons who have recently visited Marlette Lake that the prodigious increase of trout in its waters has overstocked the lake. At times they can be seen massing themselves in the small streams which are tributary to the lake, and on these occasions they have been crowded out on the grass growing on the borders of the streams. Thousands could be thrown out with a pitchfork. A piece of bark thrown into the lake will cause a dozen or more of trout to leap for it. The coyotes have caught the knack of fishing, and sit by the shore watching for leaves to fall into the water. The instant a leaf touches the water the fish rise, and like a flash the coyote bounds into the thick of the fish, and is certain to bring out one or two in his mouth.

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The Dark Horse.

"Miss Smith has quite a number of followers, Jones." "Yes, she has plenty of beaux. She's handsome, rich, witty, amiable; quite a prize, I should say." "Why don't you make an effort in that direction? You used to be quite a favorite with her." "Hush, it's all right. I expect to cut them all out in time, but I'm laying low, as it were. I want to be considered the dark horse in this race. See?"—*Somerville Journal.*

Had a Camp Meeting in Mind.

"Ma, what are soldiers?" "They are men with arms, dear." "And what is an encampment?" "It is the place where the soldiers go to practice using their arms, my child."

"Oh, yes. Now I see why they always have an encampment at a place where there are plenty of pretty girls."

Another Button Off.

Salt Lake, Sept. 30.—Charles W. Button, in the millinery business here, drowned himself in the River Jordan this morning. A short time since, while absent in New York, two fires occurred in his store, in connection with which unpleasant rumors were circulated. Over these and his financial difficulties he brooded constantly, with the result indicated.

There were eight of them, and they had been holding down chairs in the saloon, and lying, for two hours, when the ninth man, a seedy fellow, who had sat at another table and heard all they had to say, came over to where they were sitting, and offered to beat the records for two drinks of fifteen cent whiskey.

"Now, get ready for a big snake," said one of the party.

"Nary snake," the ninth man replied.

"Sea serpent?"

"No."

"Fish story, I'll bet."

"Nary fish."

"Thunder-storm or cyclone, sure."

"Wrong again."

"Shootin' match?"

"No."

"Well, go ahead."

"While I was down in New Jersey—"

"Oh, Mosquitoes."

"No, sir."

"Go on."

"While I was down in New Jersey, I loaned a feller \$3,000—"

"That settles it. He beats the record," shouted one of the crowd.

"But I ain't done yet," said the story teller.

"Don't make any difference. You have told the biggest lie of the day. Barkeep, two whiskeys for one man, and now I move we adjourn."

"Carried," announced the chair, and the jig was up.—*Through Mail.*

King Quacow Duah of Ashantee is dead and in honor of the funeral 300 of his subjects were killed. He was the successor to King Coppe Calcalli, and the General who was sent down to the coast by the King with the golden ax as a present to Queen Victoria. The Ashantees fear that Memiah, a former King, deposed for his cruelties, is to be the successor to the throne, and a deputation of chiefs has been sent to the Governor of Cape Coast Castle, asking that their country be annexed to the British protectorate. The whole country is in arms and a great civil war is probable.

The California *Alta* says: "The New York Sun, the able assistant Republican organ of the Blaine party, undertakes to explain why that candidate draws crowds at the railroad stations and Fair grounds. It says that mere curiosity would not draw workmen from their benches and anvils, and that it must be Blaine's personal popularity which exerts the attractive influence."

At the Inter-State (California and Nevada) shooting match, held on the 30th of September at Carson City, the Nevada team retained the trophy by a score of 872 against 839 by the California team.

The price of wives in Siberia is eight dogs. But this doesn't help us in this country. You see Siberia is a long distance to take one's wife, and besides, what are you going to do with the dogs after you've got them?

A New Yorker, who has been a close observer for forty years, declares that, whereas there used to be a preponderance of blondes among women in this country, there is now a heavy preponderance of brunettes. This disposes of the charge that modern women fade.

If there is ever a time when a man doesn't think, and his mind is a complete blank, it is when he is about to sneeze.

A servant girl who demands seven nights and Sunday afternoon out of every week ought not to be called a domestic."

A correspondent asks in an exchange if it is proper to dance with a married lady when her husband is looking on. Proper enough, but not much fun in it.

Somebody wants to know "what is funnier to see than a man's hat blowing off in the street?" There are people mean enough to think that a woman's bonnet blowing off is funnier.

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Tuesday.....April 22.....Friday.....June 13

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Tuesday.....May 1